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IN RE APPLICATION OF HAN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/728,653

EXAMINER: David Lukton

FILED: 12/01/2000

ART UNIT: 1653

FOR: Alpha-Ketoamide Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus NS3 Protease

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Sir:

**Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

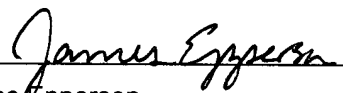
The Office Action related to application 09/728,653 was dated November 19, 2002 and set a three month shortened statutory response period ending February 19, 2003. The applicants request a three month extension of time under 37CFR 1.136(a). The new period for reply will expire on May 19, 2003. Please charge the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (Deposit Account No. 19-3880) \$930 for payment of the extension fee. If any additional extension fees are due, please charge the above account. An additional copy of this petition is enclosed.

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